group of IMF experts participated in the meeting.

IMF representatives said that tax collection to the budget was the major problem faced by Lithuania. They also advised decreasing the budget disbursements.

Another key problem in Lithuania was failure to restore order in the energy system, IMF experts said. They also urged to stop providing aid for agriculture.

IMF representatives called for adoption of legal norms regulating privatisation of the state property for cash.

<B>MISS WORLD TALKED TO PRESIDENT BRAZAUSKAS<D>

VILNIUS, May 4, ELTA - An Indian girl Aishwarya Rai, 21, who became Miss World in 1994, on Thursday met Lithuanian President Algirdas Brazauskas and said that she would like to meet him this year at the airport in Delhi on presidential official visit to India.

This was the first official reception of Aishwarya Rai after she had arrived on Wednesday in Lithuania.

Miss World came to the meeting with Brazauskas wearing the crown which costed 75 thousand pounds.

She talked to Brazauskas about 40 minutes.

Rai said that she was interested in the Lithuanian history and "with tears in her eyes was watching documentaries about Lithuania's struggle for independence and the events in January, 1991 broadcasted by the Indian TV".

Miss World said that she considered her title as very symbolic. "This is a mark of honour for my country and I must justify it by travelling around the world with the charity mission", she said.

Aishwarya Rai is going to watch the beauty contest Miss Lithuania-95.

At the meeting with Brazauskas she wished future Miss Lithuania-95 victory at the Miss World contest.

Brazauskas presented Aishwarya Rai with the bouquet of Lithuanian flowers.

<B>LITHUANIAN DIPLOMAT PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS<D>

VILNIUS, May 4, ELTA - Lithuanian Ambassador to Kazakhstan Juozas Asembergas presented his credentials to Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev, Information and Press Department of Lithuanian Foreign Ministry told ELTA.

After the ceremony Asembergas and Nazarbayev had a talk. Both officials discussed bilateral Lithuanian-Kazakh